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Docket No.: 14254-43623

### Remarks

Claims 1-38 are pending in the present application. The allowance of claims 1-8, 16-29, and 36-38 is noted with appreciation. Claims 9, 11-13, 15, 30, 32, 33, and 35 were rejected. Claims 10, 14, 31, and 34 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 9, 30, and 33 have been amended to address the objection and present the subject matter of objected-to claims 10, 31, and 34 in independent form. Claims 10, 31, and 34 have been canceled. Claim 11 is amended to correct the dependency reference. New claim 34 presents the subject matter of claim 14 in independent form, together with the subject matter of the intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and allowance of all remaining claims. All of the foregoing amendments raise no new issues not previously considered by the examiner and place all fully in condition for allowance, as the amendments merely rewrite objected-to claims in independent form, correct a dependency reference, and cancel certain claims.

No new issues or matter have been added to the present application. Applicants submit that the current amendments render the Examiner's rejections moot, and therefore, all claims are in condition for allowance.

### Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 9, 30, and 33, as amended, and their respective dependent claims, are novel, and are non-obvious in view of the references and should be allowable. Furthermore, the applicants submit that claim 14 as rewritten is in proper form for allowance.

The foregoing is presented as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, and is believed to have placed all claims in condition for allowance. Such action is courteously solicited. If any issues remain that can be solved

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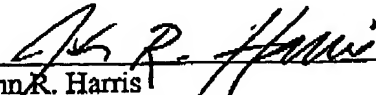
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Respectfully submitted,

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